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**Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 35 to Hold Media
Availability Ahead of Deployment**

CORONADO, Calif. — The “Magicians” of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 35 are scheduled to host a media availability Nov. 13 at 3 p.m. at Naval Air Station North Island in support of an aviation detachment deploying aboard USS Fort Worth (LCS 3) later this month.

Detachment 1 from HSM-35, the Navy’s first composite expeditionary helicopter squadron, will deploy aboard Fort Worth for the ship’s inaugural deployment.

HSM-35 Detachment 1 will consist of one MH-60R Seahawk helicopter and one MQ-8B Fire Scout unmanned autonomous helicopter. The deployment will also mark the first time the multi-mission MH-60R and the MQ-8B will be deployed together aboard a littoral combat ship. The Fire Scout will complement the MH-60R by extending the range and endurance to enhance maritime domain awareness.

A static display of an MH-60R and an MQ-8B will be available for viewing during the media availability.

Fort Worth is expected to depart San Diego for a scheduled deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility.

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Media interested in participating in the availability should contact Commander, Naval Air Forces Public Affairs at 619-767-1623 by Nov. 12 at 4 p.m. to arrange base access. Media will be asked to arrive to Naval Air Station North Island’s Visitors Center at 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 13, to be escorted to Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron 35 for the availability.